

# FRONT CENTER

Providing News to Our Veterans

August 2017



## A GREAT PLACE

**U**.S. Air Force Veteran Adrian Albino currently resides at VA Butler’s Domiciliary, but is excited for the new Health Care Center to open next month! Adrian, along with other Veterans, has toured the new facility

and is most looking forward to the new physical therapy space. “With the amount of space, it will make it a lot easier to be able to maneuver around and stretch,” he commented. “I think it’s an amazing facility, and it will be a great place for all Veterans.”

The VA Butler Health Care Center (HCC) will provide new space for all out-patient services and support staff (all of the services currently provided in Building 1 on the main VA Butler campus). The new HCC will include primary care,

specialty care, mental health, dental, diagnostic, laboratory, pathology, radiology, podiatry, optometry, pharmacy, physical rehabilitation, and women’s health. It will be fully equipped to continue, as well as expand, the technology used by VA to provide care. This includes telemedicine equipment for telehealth, clinical video telehealth, teledermatology, teleretinal exams, and teleaudiology.

The HCC is a two-story building with 168,000 square feet, and more than 1,300 parking spaces. It will

be officially open for Veterans on September 5, 2017, at 353 North Duffy Road, Butler, PA 16001.

The existing campus is needed and will remain in use by some VA services such as Domiciliary, where Adrian currently resides and continues to take part in programming ranging from PTSD Basic Training Skills to the Veteran “X” group.

Adrian first came to VA Butler in April needing some serious medical treatment and substance abuse help. “I think the most helpful thing for me is the combination

of medication and the coping skills I have learned,” said Adrian. “I also think having great people around me has helped me in many ways. I would like to thank the entire Butler VA staff, as well as all the Veterans I came across; everyone has made my experience here a great one.”

Whether at the new HCC this fall, or at the existing campus at the Domiciliary (and other locations), VA Butler is here for our Veterans. Learn more about our new facility: [www.butler.va.gov/news/building.asp](http://www.butler.va.gov/news/building.asp).

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## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY...AUGUST

- 4 The Revenue Cutter Service (now U.S. Coast Guard) is created by Congress (1790)
- 7 General George Washington authorizes the award of the Purple Heart for soldiers wounded in combat (1782)
- 7 Desert Shield Begins (1990)
- 14 Japanese forces surrender during World War II [V-J Day] (1945)
- 28 One of the largest demonstrations in the history of the U.S., the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, takes place and reaches its climax at the base of the Lincoln Memorial when Dr. Martin Luther King delivers his “I have a dream” speech (1963)



## OPEN HOUSE AT THE NEW HCC

All are invited to learn more about VA, enroll at VA, and tour the new facility on Saturday, September 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hope to see you there!





## NEW MARTIAL ARTS CLASSES

Beginning August 8, VA Butler's Health Promotion & Disease Prevention Program will offer free, bi-weekly martial arts classes. Classes will be held every Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m., and every Thursday from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. in room 203C.

Did you know practicing martial arts is great exercise? You can improve your cardiovascular health, lose weight, increase muscle tone, improve reflexes, or simply improve your mood with martial arts.

To learn more about the class, contact the Health Promotion & Disease Prevention Program Manager at 724.285.2292.

## HEALTH CARE CENTER MOVE - SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

VA Butler's new Health Care Center (HCC) will be open for Veterans on September 5, 2017. The new address for the HCC is 353 North Duffy Road, Butler, PA 16001 (approximately 1.4 miles away from the existing Butler campus.) Our main phone number will remain the same during/throughout/after the move. You may reach us at 724.287.4781, or toll-free at 800.362.8262.

The new site contains ample parking, including more handicapped spaces, and is located along the Butler County Transit Authority Bus Route 5.

Per Public Law 115-9, the new VA Butler Health Care Center is being named the "Abie Abraham VA Clinic" after WW-II hero and Bataan Death March prisoner and survivor, Abie Abraham.

We look forward to serving you in our brand new building in September. Keep up-to-date; visit [www.butler.va.gov/news/building.asp](http://www.butler.va.gov/news/building.asp).



## HOMELESSNESS DECREASES

Thanks to the ongoing efforts of VA and partners across the country, Veteran homelessness has been cut nearly in half since 2010. We're not done yet though! Learn more about VA homeless programs, resources, and events: [www.va.gov/homeless](http://www.va.gov/homeless).

We want to hear from you! Email [amanda.kurtz2@va.gov](mailto:amanda.kurtz2@va.gov) to share your story with us!

## EVENTS

Lawrence County's 7th Annual Veteran Stand Down

11 Friday, August 11 • 1-3pm  
1st Battalion, 107th Field Artillery  
820 Frank Ave., New Castle, PA

Farmers Market and

25 Summer Health & Wellness Event  
Friday, August 25 • 10am-2pm  
Outside Lawn, Primary Care Main Entrance

23 American Veterans Traveling Tribute (AVTT)

27 August 23-27  
VA Butler Healthcare



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